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SUBJECT: GERMANY PRESSES EU FOR JOINT ACTION ON 6  
DETAINED/MISSING AMCITS IN IRAN

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Classified By: Political M/C George Glass for reasons 1.4 (b/d).

11. (C) Pol M/C delivered reftel demarche on missing and detained amcits to German MFA Amb. Klaus-Peter Gottwald, (A/S Equivalent) Commissioner for Arms Control and Disarmament, on Sept. 14. Pol M/C stressed with Gottwald, who was already well informed about the details of the cases, the importance of raising the issue with the Iranians as a humanitarian issue. Poloff also delivered points to MFA Iran desk officer Thomas Henzschel September 14. Henzschel told poloff September 15 that Germany had already raised the issue with the EU presidency since they believed joint EU action had a greater potential for success. He stressed that joint EU action did not exclude national action if joint action were not successful.  
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